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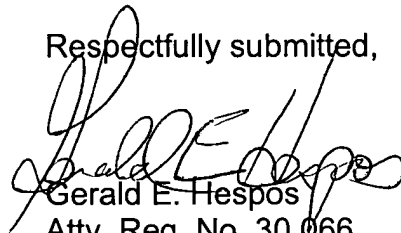
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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies one prior Japanese reference. A copy of the identified reference is attached as well. The relevancy of this document is described in paragraphs 0002 and 0003 of the subject application. The Examiner is requested to consider this reference during the examination and to make the reference of record.

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